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## **WE CLAIM:**

 A polymer gel electrolyte separator for electrochemical devices which comprises:

a polymeric matrix;

an ionically conductive solid compound; and

a liquid electrolyte containing at least one salt.

2. A solid state separator for electrochemical devices which comprises:

an ionically conductive solid compound;

a polymeric binder; and

a liquid electrolyte containing at least one salt.

3. A polymer gel electrolyte separator for electrochemical devices which comprises:

a polymeric matrix;

a solid metal oxide;

an ionically conductive solid compound; and

a liquid electrolyte, containing at least one salt.

4. A solid state separator for electrochemical devices which comprises:

a solid metal oxide;

an ionically conductive solid compound;

a polymeric binder, and

a liquid electrolyte, containing at least one salt.

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5. A polymer gel electrolyte separator as described in Claim 1 or 3, in which said ionically conductive solid compound is selected from the group consisting of lithium fluoride, magnesium fluoride and sodium fluoride.

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- 6. A solid state separator as described in Claim 2 or 4, in which said ion-conductive solid compound is selected from the group consisting of lithium fluoride, magnesium fluoride and sodium fluoride.
- 7. A separator as described in Claim 5, in which said fluorides are in the range of 10% to 85% by weight.
- 8. A separator as described in Claim 6, in which said fluorides are in the range of 10% to 90% by weight.
- 9. A separator as described, in Claim 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 in which said electrochemical devices are lithium based batteries, sodium based batteries, magnesium based batteries, capacitors, ultracapacitors and hybrid pseudocapacitors.

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10. A separator as described in Claim 9, in which said lithium based batteries are lithium-ion batteries.